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REMARKS

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2005, of which this reply is filed within the three month shortened statutory period for response. Claims 18-19; 22-25, 31-33, 36, 38-45, 51, 55 and 56 were pending in the application. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, Applicants cancel claim 23 and amend claim 24.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejects claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker (6,163,771) in view of Franklin et al. (5,883,810) and further in view of Wong et al. (5,956,699). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants cancel claim 23 and amend dependent claim 24 (now independent) to incorporate all of the elements of claim 23, as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter is added in this Response. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general. Applicant authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,

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